

"BETWEEN-US"

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A Close Shave

MANY members of AA have come up with various comparisons between the AA program and one or another daily habit in their lives.

Just today, as I was standing before the mirror in my bathroom preparing to shave, the thought struck me that the program is just as simple as staying clean-shaven. An alcoholic is like a man growing a beard. At first the whiskers grow slowly while the beard begins to take shape. As the years go by the beard becomes progressively heavier and if it isn't kept under control, by trimming, it will take on a ragged unkempt look until it covers his face so that he becomes unrecognizable.

People he called his friends before he grew the beard pass him on the street without so much as a greeting and look at him as if he were a total stranger. This may cause him to take a good look at himself and, eventually, he may find the reason his friends do not recognize him. Possibly some friend he has known through the

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AA's Unpretentious Beginning With Two Alcoholics and a Cup of Coffee

I READ Dr. Taylor's article in the November Issue of *The Grapevine* with great interest. I do respect his opinions and will back him up 100% in the right to express his opinions, but let us not forget the humble beginning of Alcoholics Anonymous.

"Two alcoholics and a pot of coffee." I do not believe that Bill W. or Dr. Bob sat there for hours that night many years ago to judge one another or to classify one another.

They were only concerned about their number one problem, to help each other to stay sober.

From that meeting AA, through experience, has grown to what it is today. The requirement for membership today is the same as it was that night. He or she is a member if they say they are.

The AA program is my re-education and I regard it as the most important thing in my life today.

The AA program has been successful in keeping me on the right "beam," after everything else had failed, and I have learned through experience on the program, that the only person that I can classify or

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9:15 AM
05/06/14
Accrual Basis

Greater Milwaukee Central Office AA
Profit & Loss
April 2014

	April 14
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
4000 · Literature Sales	14,379.28
4050 · Between us	152.50
4070 · Contributions	4,408.86
4080 · Gratitude boxes	382.10
4100 · Memorials	25.00
4130 · Personal Contributions	25.00
4150 · Other Income: Coffee, Soda, Candy	356.65
48900 · Shipping and Delivery Income	181.69
Total Income	19,911.08
Cost of Goods Sold	
5000 · Literature	8,469.00
52900 · Purchases - Resale Items	6.90
Total COGS	8,475.90
Gross Profit	11,435.18
Expense	
51100 · Freight and Shipping Costs	194.55
59900 · POS Inventory Adjustments	-1.60
6020 · Automobile Expense	45.00
6045 · Coffee/Soda/Candy Expense	18.67
6050 · Credit card fees	147.94
6262 · Postage	9.17
6330 · Insurance Expense	-9.80
6370 · License & permits	10.00
6500 · Office	2,891.66
6600 · Payroll	8,340.31
6800 · Printing	3.77
Total Expense	11,649.67
Net Income	-214.49
CD Prudent Reserve	84,359.71
Savings Account	39,537.33
Checking	2,058.72

AREA 75 EVENTS CALENDAR

1. Go to Area 75 website at: ar-75.org. 2. Look for the Area 75 Events Calendar on the right side of the page. 3. Events listed are color coded according to the area office that listed them. 4. Click on the small down arrow at the top right hand corner of the Events listing for the color "key" to the area's events. 5. Click on the small down arrow in the middle (next to the date) to view a specific date or just use the scroll button to move up and down through the days listed.

AA Groups Need Your Support

- **Jim's Sun Night 1st Step**, Roger's Hospital, 11101 W Lincoln Ave West Allis Sun at 6pm
- **Women's 12 x 12 Gp.** Mondays at 6:00 p. Grace Bible Church, 2643 S 117th St West Allis WI 53227
- **All Welcome Gp, Mondays & Thursday at 1:30 p.** Bethesda Community Center, 2845 W Fond du Lac Ave, Milwaukee WI 53210
- **Gp 10-17, Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.,** St Veronica's School, 353 E Norwich, Milwaukee 53207

Secretary Meeting, May 13, 2014

Groups represented: 3, 7, 23 Wed, 30, 59, 74, 82, 88, 132 Women, 153, 200, 201, 232, A New Day, Another Chance Tuesday Night, Badger, Big Book Readers, Brown Deer Monday Night, Depends On You, Early Bird Roger's Memorial, Fireside, Friday pm Big Book Disc., Happy Destiny, Helping Hand, Honest and Able, Jim's Sunday Night 1st Step, Just Do It, Mayfair Women Mon & Fri, Monday Night Menomonee Falls Action, Monday Night Women's Waukesha, Monday Nooners, Oak Creek Friday Night, Pow Wow Gp., Saturday Morning Big Book, Sunday Night Men's, Sunday Night Surrender, Tosa Blue Chippers, Trust Through Fellowship, Tuesday Night Hales Corners Step Topic, Wanderer's, Way of Life, Wednesday Night Recovery, When All Else Fails. I'm sorry if I have missed anyone that was in attendance.

Kathy S opened the meeting at 7p.

Bank balances on April 30, 2014
Business Checking: \$2,058.72

Savings Account: \$39,537.33

Prudent Reserve CD's: \$84,359.71

New secretaries introduced themselves.

Gratitude Boxes: \$23,932.76.

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Jamboree is on Saturday September 20, 2014, at the Serb Hall, 5101 W Oklahoma Ave Milwaukee, tickets on sale in March. Our speaker will be Rob S. from Nashville TN

Volunteer's needed for the hotline, 1 year sobriety, sponsor and home group required. Contact Kathy S at Central Office 414-771-9119.

The 75th anniversary edition of the Big Book: are available now at the Central Office \$13.00 each.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer at 7:25 p.m. The next meeting is Tuesday June 10, 2014, 7 pm.

Orientation for GSR's

Second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m. prior to the secretary's meeting, at the Milwaukee Central Office. Or, call Ken G. 608-221-2891, sherwood1@charter.net, to arrange for G.S.R. orientation at your district or workshop.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

DISTRICT INFO ON THE WEB:

<http://www.area75.org/district.html>

1. JACKSON, LaCROSSE, MONROE, VERNON, & TREMPLEAU; 2 & 18 GREEN LAKE & MARQUETTE CNTY'S & PART OF WAUSHARA; 8 & 30 ROCK ; 9. CRAWFORD, GRANT, IOWA and LAFAYETTE; 19 & 37. RICHLAND & SAUK; 20, 21 & 26 DANE; 31. COLUMBIA CNTY; 35. GREEN; 37. JUNEAU CNTY'S

(Check the web address above for meeting info.)

3. MANITOWOC & SHEBOYGAN CNTY'S 3rd Wed. of month, 6:30 p., Even numbered months at 1907 Club, 2908 N. 21st St., Sheboygan. Odd numbered months: Alano Club, 404 S 29 St Manitowoc

4. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 2nd Thr. of month, 6:00 p., Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Av.

6. WALWORTH CNTY 2nd Tue. 7:30 p. Feb. Apr. June. Aug. Oct. and Dec. only, Walworth Alano Club, 611 E. Walworth St., Delavan

7. KENOSHA CNTY 3rd Sun. of month, 4:00 p., Kenosha Alano Club, 630 56th St.

10. Spanish District, at large. Contact Ernesto N. at 414 645-8591. Meets every Tue. at 5:00 p., 1663 S. 6th Street, Milw.

11. JEFFERSON CNTY Meets last Wed. at 5:30 p.m. Moravian Church, 301 College St., Lake Mills,

12. WASHINGTON CNTY 1st Wed. of month, 6:00 p., Jansen Family Park, Schuster Dr. West Bend

13. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 1st Sun. of month, 1:00 p., St. Matthias Church, 111 E. Main, Waukesha

14. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 4th Wed. of month, 7:00 p., Milwaukee Central Office 7429 W Greenfield Ave., P.O. Box 13011, Wauwatosa WI 53226

15. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) Last Sunday of month, 5:30 p., Milwaukee Room 933 E. Center St. Milwaukee

16. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 1st Wed. of month, 7:00 p., Faith United Methodist Church, 400 S. 91st St.,

17. RACINE CNTY (1 of 2) 3rd Sun. of month, 1:00 p., Grove Club, 1037 Grove Ave., Racine

22. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 2nd Thr of month, 6:00 p., Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect Ave.

23. DODGE CNTY 1st Wed of month at 7:00 p, Dodge Cnty Alano Club, 115 N. Lincoln, Beaver Dam, call to confirm 920-583-3142

24. OZAUKEE CNTY 3rd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Peltz Center for Jewish Life, 2233 W Mequon Rd. Mequon

25. FOND du LAC CNTY 2nd Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Gratitude Club, 295 Ruggles St., Fond du Lac

27. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 3rd Sat. of month, 9:00 a.m. 12 Step Club, 4102 W. Townsend

28. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 3rd Mon. of month, 7:00 p., Bay View United Methodist 2772 S Kinnickinnic Ave. Bay View, WI 53207

29. MILWAUKEE CNTY (1 of 9) 1st Mon. of month, 7:00 p., Luther Memorial Church, 2840 S 84th St., West Allis, WI 53227

32. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 4th Tuesday of month, 6:30 p., Bethlehem Evangelical Lutheran Church, 470 Oak Crest Dr., Wales WI.

34. WAUKESHA CNTY (1 of 3) 1st Tue. of month, 6:30 p., Northwest Alano Club, N88W17658 Christman Rd., Menomonee Falls

36. RACINE/KENOSHA (1 of 2) 2nd Tues. month 6:00 p.m., 12 & 12 Club, 724 N Pine St., Burlington

SEND ADDITIONS AND CORRECTIONS TO:

7429 W. Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI 53214,

dan@aamilwaukee.com

AA Groups Need Your Support

- **New Hope Brookfield, Wednesdays at 8:00 p.m.** Trinity UCC, 4435 N Calhoun Rd Brookfield 53005
- **Chicks at Six, 6:00 p.m. Wednesday,** Alano Club 1521 N Prospect Ave Milwaukee, WI 53202 **CHILD CARE available.**
- **Thursday at 12:15 pm. and Wednesday 5:30 pm. Topic** at St. John's Cathedral Complex, 831 N. Van Buren St. Milwaukee 53202
- **Friday Night Candlelight, 8:00 pm.** St Anskar Episcopal, N48W31340 Hill Rd Hartland WI 53029 (Hwy's 16 & 83)
- **When All Else Fails, Saturday at 7:00 pm.** St Matthias Church, 111 E. Main St. Waukesha 53186

Deaf, Deaf/Blind and Hard of Hearing AA Meeting List, ASL Interpreter available

- Thursdays at 8:00 p. St John Vianney Parish 1755 N. Calhoun Rd, Brookfield WI. **Open AA Meeting for everyone—Third Thursday of Month,** Wheelchair entrance available.

Meetings are weekly closed AA meetings, except where otherwise noted. All meetings Non-Smoking. **ASL Interpreter available, \$\$**

Contact John R. through Voice Relay Service 800-973-8024 / 414 -546-3246 TTY/Voice.

E-mail at: johnres-ke9@yahoo.com

Contact George B. through Video Relay Service 866-483-1938 / 414-903-8905 TTY/VP

A Buck In The Basket... Really? Maybe it's time for a raise!



"Every AA group ought to be fully self-supporting, declining outside contributions."

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CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONS

TAYCHEEDAH CORRECTIONAL,
Meetings are held every other Tuesday,
5:30 -7:30 p.m., Deb L-H. (920)238-7414

FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION,
P.O. Box 1085 Oxford, No Meeting!

**FEDERAL CORRECTIONAL Satellite
Camp,** New Path Group, P. O. Box 1085
Oxford, WI. Meetings Wed. at 1:30 p.m.

OAK HILL AA GROUP, OAK HILL WCI
5212 Hwy M, P.O. Box 140 Oregon, WI
53575 Meetings Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.
and Sunday at 6:30 p.m. Contact: Rick B.
(608) 235-5154

**THOMPSON FARM, RT. 2 DEERFIELD,
WI.,** Closed meeting Tuesday at 8:00
p.m. Contact: Tom Dickert, (608)764-5755

ROBERT ELLSWORTH CORRECTIONAL,
21425A Spring St., Union Grove, 53182 Call
for AA Meeting times: Contact Jennifer H.
262) 237-1294 or Cheryl P. (262) 914-3970.

KETTLE MORAIN CORR., Box 31,
W9071 Forrest Dr., Plymouth, AA Thr. at
6:00 p.m. Contact Mike L (920) 898-4782.

WAUPUN CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
AA Meeting Sat. , 8:00a.m.-9:30 a.m. Dale
C. 920-387-4229 after 5 p. clearance.

**MILWAUKEE COUNTY HOUSE OF COR-
RECTION,** 8885 S. 68th St. Franklin WI.

AA Women's Saturday 10:00 a.m. Kristin
L. 414-731-8572 or **AA Men's** on Sunday at
7:00 p.m. Dennis D. 414-372-8324

MILWAUKEE COUNTY JAIL 9th & State
Milwaukee WI. Clearance needed at both
facilities. **AA Women's** Sat. at 5:00 p.m.
Felisa C. (414) 672-6724. **AA Men's** Thr. at
7:00 p.m. John A. at (414) 915-9512

**MILWAUKEE SECURE DETENTION CEN-
TER,** 1015 N. 10th St. Milw. Sunday
Nights from 6:30 p. to 7:30 p., Men & Wom-
en, Call Dave C. 414-xxx-xxxx for infor-
mation

Milw Women's Correctional Ctr. 615 W
Keefe Ave. Milw. Contact: Karelyn P 414-
975-6701. Meetings on Monday & Friday.

FOX LAKE CORRECTIONAL, Box #147,
Fox Lake, WI 53933 Closed meetings Tue.
& Fri. from 6:00 -8:00 p.m.

JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL 411 S. Center
St., Jefferson, WI, Mtng. held on Mon. at 7:00
p.m., Contact: Scott N. 920-397-0170

RACINE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION
for MEN Mtngs: Sun. 8:30 AM, Dane Rx
Unit; Wed. 7:00 p. and two meetings on
Thursday at 7:00 p. English and Spanish.
Call Paul H. (262) 537-2884

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years of his beard-wearing may sug-
gest that he look at a picture taken of
himself before the whiskers changed
his appearance. This way he may real-
ize that, physically, he is no longer the
same person that he was then. Now, if
he wants to regain the friendship of his
old friends, he will remove the cause
of their not knowing him and with the
proper preparations and appliances
become clean-shaven again.

This process of becoming clean-
shaven will be a painful process, one
that will require daily attention and the
use of the right instruments to keep the
growth from returning. He will also
find that unless he follows the routine
daily it will be harder to keep the
growth under control. Each and every
day he must prepare for the coming
day. He must always keep the thought
in mind that a shave will only last one
day at most and that sometimes he will
have to shave more often to overcome

the growth.

So is it with an alcoholic. Alcoholism
is an insidious growth that requires
daily attention to keep it under control,
just like the whiskers that we so care-
fully shave each day. We cannot re-
move them but we can control them
by using the proper instruments. To
me, an alcoholic, Alcoholics Anony-
mous is the proper instrument and, by
the daily use of the program it offers, I
find it possible to control my affliction
just as I control my whiskers by daily
shaving.

Jim C.
Upper Darby, Pennsylvania

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MILWAUKEE COUNTY CORRECTIONS COMMITTEE: Meets at 6:30 p. on the 3rd
Wednesday of every other odd month at Faith United Methodist Church, 400 S. 91st St (91st &
Adler). All Milwaukee County Corrections donations should be sent to: **MCCC, PO Box
270544, Milwaukee WI 53227-0544.** Call coordinator: Kris WL at 414—731-8572, with questions.
Treasurer Bill E. at 414-433-3507. Corrections volunteers must go through the committee to get AA
literature to take into the various facilities. Milwaukee Central Office no longer handles the funds.

**Area 75, So. WI,
Calendar of Events 2014**
Madison Senior Center
(MSC), 330 W. Mifflin St.,
Madison, WI, except where
otherwise noted.

- June 22, Summer Service
Assembly
- July 25-27, East Central Re-
gional Conference in Perrys-
burg, OH
- October 19, Fall Service As-
sembly

- Milwaukee Central Office:** 7429
W Greenfield Ave, West Allis, WI
53214 dan@aamilwaukee.com
- Area 75 Treasurer:** PMB #167,
5464 N Port Washington Rd.,
Glendale WI 53217
- General Service Office:** G.S.O.,
P O Box 459, Grand Central Sta-
tion, New York, N.Y. 10163
- Area 75 Corrections, Bridging
the Gap and Treatment write
to:** PMB # 170, 5464 N Port
Washington Rd., Glendale WI
53217

SERVICE MANUAL STUDY

A new service manual study meeting is being formed

WHEN: The **2nd Thursday** of each month **starting January 10, 2013**

TIME: **6:00 pm.**

WHERE: **Milwaukee Central Office** – 7429 W. Greenfield Ave,
West Allis, WI

Have you ever wondered what is inside the covers of the “secret” Service Manual.
Have you read something in it and wished you could discuss your questions with
other service minded members. Here is your chance. Plan to attend this monthly
study meeting.

This meeting is open to any interested Alcoholics Anonymous member whether
currently active in some type of AA service or not.

Service Manuals will be available if you need one.

Plan to attend. If you have questions you can contact Nancy H. at 414-801-5184

Continued to Take Personal Inventory. . . Step Ten reads

THERE is a guy in our group, a little older than I am, who'd been a regular in AA for about three years when I first started going to meetings a year and a half ago. I'd been to a few meetings in neighboring towns before I met him, and at my very first meeting with him he made me good and mad by saying that he didn't think anybody could get anywhere in AA who had ever been to a psychiatrist. That's what I thought he said. He claimed he'd only said that psychiatry makes it more difficult.

He and I have made Twelfth Step calls together and visited each other's homes. We get along pretty well. People in our group ride him some about his argumentative manner in meetings, but everybody enjoys him. He irritates me by getting a meeting off the track and bogged down into an argument over the meaning of a word. I think of him as the eternal collegian, because that's the way college kids acted when I was in college.

A few weeks ago, I shocked myself by telling him right out in meeting that what he said was the stupidest thing I'd ever heard and when he answered, I ended my contribution with, "Aw nuts!" In connection with a discussion of the twenty-four hour plan, there had been a lot of talk about planning and whether it was all right to plan so long as it was constructive planning, not just worry. Everybody seemed agreed that it was all right and I was already tired of this discussion when my friend said, "There's no such thing as planning anyway. All anybody ever did was just to schedule things." It was then that I let go my blast.

The discussion passed to other things and nobody seemed any the worse for my outburst. . .nobody but me.

I was really upset by my own behavior. That's why I'm writing this. This same man has accused me of taking other people's moral inventory for them and I'm beginning to see that he's right.

Take the fellow who gets me so all-fired mad because he talks as if he invented AA, He preaches, pontificates and acts as though he thinks he's God Almighty, but then, this is just my opinion and my reaction and what he says may be very helpful to others.

Then there are those two guys who have had a number of slips since I came into AA and who like to talk about their slips in meeting and what they've learned from their slips. They irritate me and my excuse is that this talk is no good for newcomers and that they should be quiet and maybe learn how not to slip by listening to some other people. I don't know what the effect of their stories is on newcomers. I'm just bored with it myself. I think what I'd better do is figure out some way of being a little humble and tolerant. Maybe my own contributions will be a cut or two above what they have been if I can keep from getting mad at what other people say. And if I can listen with an open mind, perhaps I'll learn something.

Thanks for the opportunity to take a short moral inventory.

M. W.
New Canaan, Connecticut

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Written for Us Newcomer's Meeting An Insight to 'How it Works'

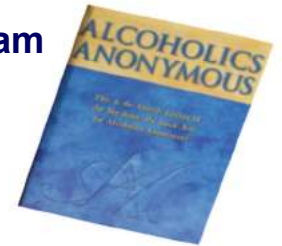
An Orientation for Newcomers!

when:

Saturday's from **9:45 to 10:15am**

where:

Greater Milwaukee Central Office
7429 West Greenfield Avenue
West Allis, WI 53214
414.771.9119



Come JOIN US & learn more about Alcoholics Anonymous

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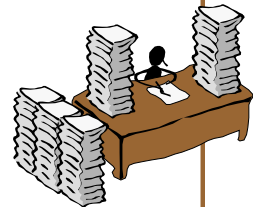
Area 75 Archives Room

HOURS: Sunday's 12:00 to 3:30

CLOSED: All of January, July, August, December
March 16 / April 6 & 20 / May 11, 18 & 25 / Jun 15 & 22 / Oct 19

Call Nancy S. for an appointment to view the Archives the months we are closed (414) 339-3934 anancy@att.net

Located in the Lower Level of Holy Assumption School 7109 West Orchard St, West Allis, Wisconsin 53214 (1 block South of Greenfield)



Meeting Space Available

- Aurora Psychiatric Hospital, "Lighthouse on Dewey" 1220 Dewey Ave., Wauwatosa 53213, has this beautiful newly renovated meeting space available, for regular meetings and special group functions, open meetings, workshops, even small group dinners. Contact: Mark P. 414-803-3464 for more information.
- Mount Olive Missionary Baptist Church, 5277 N. 36th St., Milwaukee, WI 53209, Contact Rev. John Patterson, Phone: 414-461-7755, Email: mt.olivembc@wi.rr.com
- Galano Club-LGBT Friendly at 315 W Court St., Milwaukee, 5 blocks north of Bradley Center, plenty of free parking has meeting space available for recovery groups, inexpensive room rent (\$12 -\$15 week). Contact Deb at the club at 414-276-6936.

Meeting Rooms

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judge is myself.

All of my twenty-eight years of heavy drinking I had drifted from town to town, living on skid road all of my adult life, a hopeless drunk. . .all through the ignorance and misunderstanding of my drinking problem. Which brings me to the next question: attending AA meetings.

It is my opinion that the only thing an alcoholic is trying to escape from by attending AA meetings is booze. By attending my AA meetings and taking an active part in group affairs and reading and studying the AA book, I am learning to solve my drinking problem and to live a happy, sober life.

Yes, by attending my AA meetings, I am just going to school again and I am learning that if I take care of my number one problem, my other problems will take care of themselves, and my number one problem has always been the first drink.

The years that I have been a member of AA have been the happiest years of my life, as I haven't had a drink since being introduced to this new way of life.

Is it any wonder why we alcoholics are at so many AA meetings? AA is our very life, for with us, to drink is to die.

I do not know much about a "Power greater than myself," but I humbly ask for help every morning to keep me sober this day and I give thanks every night for the things he has given me this day. It has been none of my human doing, that I have kept sober all these years, after everything else had failed.

I am known as a "book man" around the San Francisco fellowship as I go to the AA book to solve any problem

that arises in my life today, and I never want to lose the willingness to go to my AA meetings to learn as a student and to grow by the day on the program.

By attending my AA meetings and re-reading the AA book, I am simply going to school to learn to live a life without alcohol. When I am at AA meetings, I am with people who understand me, and by taking an active part in the meetings, it takes my mind off myself and puts it on the other person, and that is one of the surest signs of just how big I can be; whether I can take the time to do a little thing when it concerns another alcoholic's welfare and happiness.

When I am taking an active part at my group meeting, I am doing something good for my fellowmen for the first time in my life. I have no time to feel sorry for myself or to be lonely any more. Someone has said, "It is one of the most beautiful compensations of life that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself."

We have all been so used to doing so few good things that on those few occasions we expected a lot of credit and recognition for what little we did manage to accomplish.

So not knowing much about "God" I am going to continue to work on my number one problem, "booze," to continue to keep my AA program simple, and to continue to go to my AA meetings, my "school," with a willingness to learn as a student and to grow.

It is my belief that we should keep the AA program attractive to the ones who are still looking for a way out, and come to us, asking our help, by respecting their anonymity if he or she desires.

Thereby we banish the fear that we all

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NEW DAY CLUB

11936 N. Port Washington
Mequon, (262) 241-4673
<http://www.newdayclub.org>

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE
Sun. 8:00 a. Topic
11:00 a. Topic
5:00 p. Young People
7:30 p. Topic
Mon. 12:30 p. Tenth Step Gp
5:30 p. More about Alcoholism
7:00 p.
8:15 p. Men's Gp
Tue. 10:00 a. Topic
5:30 p. Big Book
7:00 p. Beginners Gp
8:00 p. Big Book Gp
Wed. 10:00 a. Topic
2:00 p. Promises Meeting
5:30 p. Step Meeting
7:00 p. Women's Lifeline
Thr. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting
1:00 p. Women's Gp
5:30 p. Topic Mtng.
8:00 p. Step Meeting
Fri. 10:00 a. Topic Meeting
5:30 p. Step/Tradition
8:00 p.
Sat. 10:00 a. Step Meeting
5:00 p. Fellowship of Spirit
7:00 p. Feelings
10:00 p. Young People

8:00 p. Open Meeting (held on 3rd Saturday of month only)

AL-ANON MEETINGS
Monday 6:30 p. Al-Anon
Tuesday 1:00 p. Al-Anon/ACOA
Thursday 7:00 p. Al-Anon
Contact club for info on other fellowships.

PASS IT ON CLUB

6229 W. Forest Home Ave
Milwaukee WI (414) 541-6923
passitonclub.com

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE
Sun. 8:00 a. Sun. Wake Up
9:30 a. Reliance Open Disc.
11:00 a. Today's choice
3:00 p. Gratitude Plus
7:00 p. Big Book Readers
7:30 a. Jump Start
Mon. 10:30 a. First Step
4:00 p. Happy Hour Step Gp.
7:00 p. Mon. Freedom
7:00 p. Open Introductory AA
Tue. 7:30 a. Comin' Back Gp
10:30 a. Keep It Simple
4:00 p. Drop the Rock
6:00 p. Women's Step
7:30 p. Three Legacies
7:30 p. Double Trouble DD/O
Wed. 7:30 a. Big Book Study
10:30 a. Pass It On
4:00 p. Happy Hr Promises
7:00 p. We, Us & Ours
7:30 a. Welcome Back Gp
10:30 a. Made Decision
5:15 p. As Bill Sees It
7:00 p. Gateway Topic Gp
7:30 a. Honesty Gp.
10:30 a. Came To Believe
6:00 p. Women's Fri. Kickoff
6:30 p. Thoughts 4 Today
8:00 p. Broken Arrow
8:00 p. Spanish Speaking
8:30 a. Early Bird
10:30 a. Happy Joyous Free
3:00 p. Twelve Promises
8:00 p. Back to Basics 12x12

AL-ANON MEETINGS
Sun. 11:00 a. (Alateen)
Wed. 7:00 p. Fri. 7:30 p.
Thr. 7:00 p. Sat. 10:30 a.

LAKE AREA CLUB

N60 W 35878 Lake Dr
Oconomowoc, WI
(262) 567-9912
www.lakeareaclub.com

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE
Sun. 8:00 a.
11:00 a.
6:00 p. Big Book
8:00 p.
Mon. 9:00 a. Positive Attitude
6:30 p.
8:00 p. Step/Tradition Study
Tue. 1:00 p.
4:00 p.
8:00 p. Back To Basics
Wed. 8:00 a.
10:00 a.
6:00 p.
8:00 p.
Thr. 10:00 a.
4:00 p.
6:00 p. Women's Group
8:00 p.
Fri. 12:30 p.
4:00 p.
6:00 p. Non-smoking
7:00 p.
8:00 p.
Sat. 8:30 a.
10:00 a. Big Book

AL-ANON MEETINGS
Mon. 8:00 p. Al-Anon
Tue. 9:00 a. Al-Anon
Wed. 7:00 p. Al-Anon

OPEN SPEAKER MEETING
Sat. 7:00 p. 2nd & 4th Saturdays
(AA and/or Al-Anon Speakers)

WAUKESHA ALANO CLUB

318 W. Broadway
Waukesha, WI
(262) 549-6541

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE
Sun. 9:30 a. Sun Morn Sunlite
11:00 a. Sun Go-To-Mtng
(Open speaker 2nd Sunday & Breakfast)
7:00 p. (Open Step Gp)

Mon. 12:00 Noon
6:00 p. Beginners AA
7:00 p. (12 & 12)

Tue. 12:00 Noon

Wed. 12:00 Noon
5:30 p. Topic Gp

Thr. 12:00 Noon
8:00 p.

Fri. 12:00 Noon T.G.I.F. Gp

Sat. 10:00 a. Gp 124
7:00 p. Closed Meeting

OPEN MEETINGS, DANCES & EVENTS
Call for information.

UNITY CLUB

1715 Creek Drive
West Bend, (262) 338-3500
unityclub1715@att.net

AA MEETING SCHEDULE
Sun. 10:30 a.** Gratitude Gp.
8:00 p. Candlelight Gp.

Mon. 10:00 a. Monday A.M.
7:00 p. Men's
7:00 p. Women's

Tue. 10:00 a. Tuesday A.M.
7:30 p. Beginner's
8:00 p. Step Gp

Wed. 10:00 a. Promises
1:00 p. Steps/Promises
8:15 p.* Step Gp

Thr. 10:00 a. Big Book
7:00 p. EZ Dozen12x12

Fri. 10:00 a. Step/Topic Gp
8:00 p. Step Gp.

Sat. 10:00 a. Here & Now
7:00 p. Big Book

AL-ANON & ALATEEN MTNGS
Saturday 9:00 a. Al-Anon
Thursday 7:15 p. Al-Anon

* Open Mtng. 3rd Wed. of month
** Open Mtng. 3rd Sunday of month (a.m.)

SERENITY CLUB

3677 E. Pulaski Ave,
Cudahy, WI 53110,
(414)483-8308
serenityclub.info

AA Meetings
Sun. 10:00 a. Welcome Gp.
7:00 p. Gp. 83

Mon. 10:00 a. Honesty Gp.
8:00 p. Sharing Strength

Tue. 10:00 a. Gp. 118
8:00 p. Gratitude Gp.

Wed. 10:00 a. Rap Discussion
5:30 P. Courage/Change
8:00 p. 1 Day At A Time

Thr. 10:00 a. Gp. 89
8:00 p. Gp. 88

Fri. 10:00 a. Gp. 41
8:00 p. Gp. 449

Sat. 10:00 a. Reliance Gp.
7:00 p. Big Book Gp.

AL-ANON MTNG: Sunday 5:30 p.
AL-ANON MTNG: Tuesday 6:30 p.

Call Club for Open Meeting & Dance Information

Meeting Rooms

WALWORTH COUNTY ALANO CLUB

611 Walworth St.
(Hwy. 50 & 11)
Delavan, WI 53115,
(262) 740-1888

Sunday AA

10:00 a. Primitive Group
12:00 Noon Open Speakers
6:30 p. Delavan Discussion

Monday AA

7:30 a. Delavan Sunny Side Up
12:00 Noon Delavan Step Meeting
6:30 p. Former Miss Americas
(Women's Step Group)
6:30 p. Delavan Men's Meeting

Tuesday AA

7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Tue
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.
6:30 p. Delavan 12 Step Topic

Wednesday AA

7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Wed.
12:00 Noon As Bill Sees It Gp.
6:30 p. Delavan IT Meeting

Thursday AA

7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Thr.
12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.
5:30 p. Step Sisters Women
6:30 p. Delavan Big Book Gp.

Friday AA

7:30 a. Delavan Sunrise Fri.
12:00 Noon Big Book Study
6:30 p. Delavan Discussion

Saturday AA

12:00 Noon Delavan Noon Gp.
6:30 p. Delavan Beginners Gp.

ALANO CLUB 1521 N. Prospect Ave.
Milwaukee, WI, (414) 278-9102
<http://www.alanoclub.org>

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:00 a. Gp 17 Step
4:30 p. Step Gp
7:30 p. Gp 19 Step

10:00 p. Topic Gp
Mon. 7:00 a. Early Morning
10:30 a. Gp 72 Topic

12:15 p. Big Book Meeting
6:30 p. Gp 40 Big Book
8:00 p. Gp 20 Topic

Tue. 10:30 p. Living Sober Step/Topic
7:00 a. As Bill Sees It,
10:30 a. Gp 70 Step
12:15 p. Gp 76

7:00 p. Beginners, 1st Step (3rd fl)
8:00 p. Gp 57 Topic
10:30 p. 4th Dimension Step/Topic

Wed. 7:00 a. Men's Step
10:30 a. Gp 9, Step
12:10 p. Oasis Topic Gp

6:00 p. Gp 9/Women's
8:00 p. Gp 3, Step/Topic
10:30 p. Step/Topic Gp

Thr. 7:00 a. Big Book Meeting
10:30 a. Gp 97, Step
12:15 p. Here & Now Gp
7:00 p. LGBT Big Book

Fri. 7:30 p. Gp 26 12x12
10:30 a. Peanut Gallery Step Mtng
10:30 a. Gp 21, Step
12:15 p. Gp 65

6:30 p. Here & Now
8:30 p. Gp30 Tub Topic
11:30 p. Step/Topic

Sat. 11:00 a. Second Shifters
12:15 a. Gp 87 Step
3:00 p. Spiritual Growth
7:30 p. Open Speaker
9:00 p. Here and Now
11:30 p. Tub-Topic

AL-ANON MEETING Sunday 10:00 a.
Club is smoke free. Many meetings
break outdoors for smoking.

H.O.W. TO CLUB
8930 W. National Ave,
West Allis, (414) 543-2448
<http://howtoclub.info/>

Sun. 8 a.-11 p., Mon - Thr. 9
a. -11 p., Fri - Sat. 9 a. - 1 a.

AA MEETING SCHEDULE
Sun. 8:00 a. Eye Opener AA Gp.
10:00 a. Grass Roots (Steps)
4:30 p. Drop the Rock 6/7 Step

6:00 p. AA Topic Group
8:00 p. Sun. Sober & Serene
11:00 a. Winner's Circle

5:45 p. Gp 132, Women's Gp
7:00 p. Big Book Gp.
8:00 p. New Hope Gp.

Tue. 11:15 p. Nighthawk Gp.
11:00 a. Willingness Group
6:00 p. Tuesday Non-Smok

8:00 p. 12 & 12 AA Meeting
Wed. 10:00 a. Foundations Meeting
6:00 p. AA Beginners Gp.

7:00 p. Women's Freedom
8:00 p. Promises Group
11:15 p. After Hours Gp.

Thr. 10:00 a. But For Grace Of God
6:00 p. 6 PM Here and Now
8:00 p. How To Get It Going

Fri. 11:00 a. Priority Group
6:00 p. Big Book Group
8:00 p. R.U.S. For Us

Sat. 11:15 p. Candlelight Promises
9:15 a. Men's Topic
11:00 a. Pioneers Group
3:00 p. HOW IT WORKS GP

6:00 p. 1st & 12 Topic
8:00 p. HOW To Saturday*
10:30 p. Candlelight Gratitude

* (Open meeting on 3rd Saturday)
Club is smoke free. Many meetings
break outdoors for smoking.

Meeting Rooms

12 STEP CLUB

4102 W Townsend St.
Milwaukee, WI 53216
(414) 871-0610

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Tues. 6:45 p, Gp. 79

Wed. 11:00 a. Gp. 27

Fri. 11:00 a. Gp. 61 (12x12)

Sat. 10:00 a. Beginners Gp.
7:00 p. Gp 6

CALL THE CLUB FOR INFORMATION ON OPEN A.A. MEETINGS, MEETINGS FOR OTHER FELLOWSHIPS and SPECIAL EVENTS.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

2245 W. Fond du Lac
Milwaukee, WI
414. 931.7033

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sunday:

10:00 a. Friendship
11:00 a. Third Sunday
Open Meeting

Monday:

10:30 a. Step Gp

Tuesday:

7:00 p. Gp 43 Big
Book

Saturday:

10:00 a. Gp 112 Step
Call for information on other types of meetings.

Greater Milwaukee Central Office

7429 W Greenfield Ave.
West Allis WI 53214,
414-771-9119
(aamilwaukee.com)

A.A. MEETINGS

Mon. 12:15 p. & 4:00 p.

Tue. 12:15 p. & 4:00 p

Wed. 12:15 p. &

4:00 p

Thur. 12:15 p. &

4:00 p

Fri. 12:15 p. & 4:00 p

Sat. 9:45 a. Newcomer

Also 10:30 a. & 3:00 p.

Directory Changes

Milwaukee Group
933 E Center St,
(River West)
Milwaukee WI 53212

A.A. MEETINGS

Sun. 10:00 a Open (Disc.)
8:30 p. Big Book

Mon. 5:30 p. Big Book
7:00 p. Open (1st Step)
8:30 p. Topic

Tue. 7:00 p. Open (Topic)
8:30 p. Open (Big Book)

Wed. 7:00 p. Open (Big Book)
8:30 p. Topic

Thur. 6:30 p. Open (Topic)
8:30 p. Step

Fri. 7:00 p. Beginner's
8:30 p. Open (Big Book)

Sat. 11:30 p. Topic
8:30 p. Topic
11:30 p. Topic

NEW MEETINGS

Monday Night 7:pm,
Chabad-Lubavitch,
3109 N Lake Dr (corner
of Lake Dr and Ken-
wood Blvd)

Tuesdays at 12:15 pm,
Cathedral Center, 831
N Van Buren St, Milw.

Tuesday 8:30 a. Women,
St. Luke's Church,
6705 Northway,
Greendale 53129

Thur 7:00 p.m. Stoney
Hills Presbyterian,
N112 W17655 Mequon
Rd, Germantown,

Thursday 9:15 a.m. All
Saints, 818 E Juneau
Ave, Milwaukee.

Friday 7: pm. Ash-
tanga Circle Yoga Cen-
ter, 3805 N Oakland
Ave, Shorewood

Saturday 8: a.m. Res-
urrection Lutheran,
12400 W Cold Spring
Rd, New Berlin WI

DISBANDED GROUPS

All Peoples Church
2600 N 2nd St. Milw. Met
on Thur. 11:30 a.m.

Tuesday 11th Step, met at

24 HOUR CLUB

153 Green Bay Rd.
Thiensville, WI
(262) 242-9999

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 8:00 a. Topic
10:00 a. Step/Topic
5:00 p. Step

Mon. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Topic
12:00 p. Women's
8:00 p. Men's

Tue. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Step/Topic
5:30 p. Big Book

Wed. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Big Book
5:15 p. Women's

Thr. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Topic
5:30 p. Step/Topic/Trad
8:00 p. Men's 12 & 12

Fri. 6:30 a. Topic
10:00 a. Step/12 & 12
5:30 p. Principles
8:00 p. Step

Sat. 6:30 a. Topic
8:30 a. Living Sober
10:00 a. Big Book

8:00 p. Open Speaker Mtng.

(1st Saturday Only)

GALANO CLUB

- LGBT Friendly -

315 W. Court St. Suite 201
Milwaukee, WI 53212-3825

(414) 276-6936

<http://www.galanoclub.org/>

mail@galanoclub.org

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 10:30 a. Step Topic
6:00 p. Big Book Study

Mon. 7:30 p. Came To Believe

Tue. 5:30 p. 40+ Topic

Wed. 7:00 p. 12 x 12

Fri. 7:00 p. Step/Topic

Sat. 7:30 p. Topic

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Sun. 10:30 a.m. (Co-ed.)

Meeting Space Available

See website for Club Events.

www.galanoclub.org

NORTHWEST ALANO CLUB*

N88 W17658 Christman Rd
Menomonee Falls WI
53051 (No Phone)

A.A. MEETING SCHEDULE

Sun. 7:30 p.

Mon. 7:00 p. Just Do It Gp
8:00 p. Action Gp

Tue. 10:00 a. Step
8:00 p. Topic

Wed. 8:00 p. Step/Topic

Thr. 10:00 a. Step
6:00 p. Women's

Fri. 8:00 p. Step/Topic

Sat. 10:00 a. Step
7:00 p. Simply Sober Gp

AL-ANON MEETINGS

Wed. 8:00 p. Al-Anon

Fri. 8:00 p. Al-Anon

*This Club is a Smoke-Free

environment. We have ample
meeting space available for 12 Step
groups. Contact the Northwest Alano
Club by mail.

Elizabeth Ann Seton 12700 W Howard Ave, New Berlin on Tue at 6:45.

DryHootch, met on Sat at 6pm. 1030 E Brady St. Milwaukee

OTHER CHANGES

Gp 82 Elm Grove, Sundays at 8pm, formerly at St Edmund's 14625 Watertown Plank **NOW** meets at Elm Grove Ev Lutheran Church, 945 Terrace Dr. Elm Grove

Gp 10 Sunday at 9 am, formerly at 72nd and Orchard, **NOW** meets at Lamplight Inn, 7400 W Greenfield Ave. West Allis WI 53214.

Jewish Recovery, formerly at 1300 N Jackson St, **now meets** at Shul-East, 3030 E Kenwood Blvd, Milwaukee Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m.

ARO Tue Night previously at Aro Counseling, **NOW** meets at St Mark's Lutheran, 424 Hyde Park Ave. Waukesha Tue at 8:00 PM

Fireside, formerly at Brookfield Presbyterian, 1485 N Brookfield Rd, **now meets at Brookfield Lutheran, 18580 W Burleigh Rd on Wednesdays at 8pm.**

Gp 23 Wednesday at 8pm, formerly at 72nd and Orchard, **NOW** meets at 1st Lutheran Church, 7400 W Lapham St. West Allis WI 53214 still at 8 p. on Wednesday.

Gp 67 Elm Grove, meets on Thursday at 8 p. moved to Community United Methodist, 14700 Watertown Plk Rd Elm Grove.

Gp 10 Friday at 7:30 pm, formerly at 72nd and Orchard, **NOW** meets at Lamplight Inn, 7400 W Greenfield Ave. West Allis WI 53214.

OPEN SPEAKER

Weekly & monthly open speaker meetings listed in January 2014 When & Where

aamilwaukee.com/directory.html

Sundays at 10 a. Milwaukee Gp. 933 E Center St, Milw 53212

Sundays at 6:30 p. VA Hospital 5000 W National Ave 3rd Fl Unit 3A

Every Friday 7:00 p. Christ the King,

1600 N Genesee Rd Delafield

1st Monday at 1:30 p. Bethesda Seniors Community Center Open Meeting, 2845 W Fond du Lac Ave

Wednesdays at 7:00 p. Salem United Methodist Church, 541 Hwy. 59, Waukesha,

1st Friday only 8:00 p. St. Lukes Church, 300 Carroll St., Waukesha

1st Saturday 7:00 p. Dist. 15 Open Meeting at Milwaukee Group 933 E Center St. Milwaukee 53212

1st Saturday 8:00 p. 24 Hour Club Open Meeting, 153 Green Bay Rd, Thiensville,

2nd Saturday at 7:00 p. Dist 12, Living Word Lutheran Church, 2240 Living Word Ln., Jackson WI 53037

2nd Saturday at 7:00 p. Dist 34, St. Francis Episcopal Church, N84 W16525 Menomonee Ave

2nd Sunday at 11:00 a. Alano Club 318 W. Broadway, Waukesha,

3rd Sunday at 11:00 a. Friendship Club 2245 W. Fond du Lac Ave. Milwaukee, WI

3rd Saturday 8:00 p. HOW To Club 8930 W. National Ave, W.Allis

3rd Saturday 8:00 p. New Day Club 11936 N. Port Washington Rd, Mequon, WI

Last Wednesday 8:00 p. 1st Lutheran Church, 7400 W Lapham St,

Saturdays 7:30 p. Alano Club 1521 N. Prospect, Milwaukee

Contact the Central Office via email: dan@aamilwaukee.com, before the 12th of the month prior to your meeting so that it can be listed here under the special Open Meetings.

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suffer, when we first are introduced to AA at a meeting, that our friends and neighbors will discover that we are members of AA.

Letting the sick alcoholic realize that he or she can ask the help of Alcoholics Anonymous, without any fear of the past, is in my opinion a way of finding the true meaning of the word "love," one for another.

When I first was introduced to the AA program my only concern was what I was going to get out of it. That is the only reason that I found the courage to write this article, as I am happiest when I am trying to do something good for my fellow alcoholic today.

Anonymous

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Spanish Speaking Meetings: Meeting at English Speaking Clubs

- GRUPO 5 CONCEPTOS, Pass It On Club, 6229 W. Forest Home Av, Milw, on Friday at 8:00 p.
- GRUPO NUEVO AMANECER, Tri-County Unity Club, 104 N. First St, Watertown, on Tuesdays and Fridays at 7:00 PM and on Sunday at 11:00 AM
- GRUPO FE Y ESPRONZA, Gratitude Club, 295 Ruggles St. Fond du Lac WI on Wednesday at 7:00 PM and Sundays at 4:00 PM

2014 Weekend Retreats
Jesuit Retreat House,
4800 Fahrwald Rd. Oshkosh,
WI 54901, call 800-962-7330
jesuitretreathouse.org

Men and Women members of
AA, Al-Anon

Total cost: 4 days \$325.00. Send a \$50.00 deposit with requests for specific dates to retreat house or call for information.

MEN: Dec. 4-7, **WOMEN:** Aug. 21-24,
Nov. 13-16, Nov. 20-23,

Redemptorist Retreat Center, 1800
North Timber Trail Lane, Oconomowoc,
WI 53066, (262) 567-6900 Email:
rrc@redemptoristretreat.org Please
call 262-567-6900 for reservations.
May 16-18, 10th Annual Spring retreat for AA and Al-Anon Members.
\$200. per person. (2 nights, 6 meals)

MILWAUKEE CENTRAL OFFICE

- **E-mail Director Dan F.** at: dan@aamilwaukee.com
- **Hours: M-F** 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **G.S.R. Orientation,** 2nd
Tuesday 6:30 p.
- **Secretary Meeting,** 2nd
Tuesday 7:00 p.
- **Board of Directors Meeting,** Wednesday following Secretaries Meeting, (odd numbered months) 6:30 p.
- **A. A. Meetings,** Mon - Fri at 12:15 p. and 4:00 p.
- **A. A. Meetings Saturday** 9:45 a., 10:30 a. and 3:00 p.
- www.aamilwaukee.com

From Here to Serenity

AFTER observing and questioning and making constant efforts of my own for over five years in AA, I have come to the conclusion that nobody has serenity as a constant thing. But in AA, living by AA principles, we can and do gain serenity for periods of time; and these periods can be increasingly frequent and last longer and longer.

Through AA, I have found a loving God. Seeking more and more to improve my conscious contact with Him, I have seen His miracles of help for me and for others. I have gained a faith that works wonders in practical matters. And I have improved in my personality in many ways, but not in all ways. Not completely.

I can be sitting in the bathtub, lose the soap under water, and, if I don't find it right away, blister the porcelain off the tub with sudden temper. I sit in judgment on others lots of times. And many are the occasion I think I am smart enough to run my life myself again and so louse up my day with failures and tensions.

Other days, I remember and apply my AA principles and enjoy serenity far beyond anything I ever knew.

So it goes with all the other AAs, who have been in a while, that I have questioned or heard talk on the subject.

It adds up. . . we're only human. For thirty-some years I built into my subconscious mind deep habit patterns of phony thinking and phony emotional reactions. It is going to take time to replace those phony patterns with the healthy, genuine habits of AA. Meanwhile, I am far from 100% efficient. Mistakes will keep on being made. I will try to accept these in good spirit and *admit to the truth in my AA talks*. This will keep me off the pedestal and

maybe will encourage some other guy who is discovering his humanity and mistaking it for special frailty.

I think honest inventory will keep me from striking phony poses on any serenity pedestal. The trouble is I sometimes forget to take the honest inventory. Then, I get to thinking that I'm brilliant, virtuous, know more than anybody else and, in all, am a pretty perfect guy, if only others realized it. But I'm lucky. I'm married. I get home and my wife says, "Your shirt-tail is out. And did you mail those letters? And, oh yes--you went out this morning with odd socks on." She thinks it is just wonderful how I keep getting the right shoes on the right feet.

So there you are. How can you go on being a genius and the Perfect Man when you're the kind of a guy who goes around with his shirt-tail out, forgets to mail letters, and wears odd socks?

No. Taking serenity as an absolute term, I'd say I only have a little of it now and then. Of course, compared to the hell of anxiety which was all I ever knew in my drinking days, what I have now is terrific gain--but it is small measured against what can be.

One thing is sure: going to lots of AA meetings and day by day seeking new and better ways to be comfortable, I won't be very likely to take that Drink Number One.

B. R.
Baltimore, Maryland

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something they said. It makes them feel that they are truly accomplishing something in their efforts at "carrying the message" and I immediately make of that person a friend for life.

But maybe this, too, isn't strictly honest. Am I doing this to encourage and stimulate another person in his honest endeavors or am I resorting to a trick of flattery in order to "make friends and influence people?"

In my drinking days honesty meant not taking anything for which you could land in the "clink" if you got

caught but now it seems to be getting very complicated. Maybe I have a phoney brand of honesty or honestly, maybe I'm a phoney.

T. W. R.
Alexandria, Virginia

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Friday Night Oak Creek Group 2014 Annual Open Meeting (with Al-Anon participation)

WHEN: FRIDAY, JUNE 6, 2014
FELLOWSHIP BEGINS AT 7:15 P.M.
MEETING BEGINS AT 8:00 P.M.

WHERE: ALL SAINTS LUTHERAN CHURCH
9131 S HOWELL AVE
OAK CREEK, WI 53154

AA SPEAKER: TO BE ANNOUNCED
AL-ANON SPEAKER: TO BE ANNOUNCED

Come Join Us for Food, Coffee & Fellowship!



Butler Sunday Night
is celebrating
their **50th Birthday!**

Sunday, July 20
St Agnes Church
12801 W. Fairmount
St., Butler, WI

Opening Meeting Time: 8:00pm
Speaker: Jerry Z.

Come Help Us Blow Out the Candles
Enjoy Fun, Food and AA Fellowship

Ready for a different kind of meeting?

Join the open discussion format meeting at the Charlie Stone Group.
Cross Talk is encouraged, and we invite discussions on any topic related to alcoholism.

Mondays - 8:00 PM
(one hour in length)
First Congregational Church
1511 Church Street
Wauwatosa, WI 53213
Enter from the North side parking lot



Maybe I'm a Phoney. . .

I'VE been sober quite a while now; I pride myself that I'm in AA, that I'm actually practicing the program to the best of my very limited ability--but--am I?

I came into AA a fourteen karat phoney and I was told to get honest with myself and AA. For a long time I deluded myself that I was doing just that until a situation arose a short time back that nearly passed my notice until that disagreeable traveling companion of mine, my conscience, yelled in my ear "Phoney" and I had to stop and take heed.

It came about in this fashion: I was driving down to a town in the lower part of the state to make a talk and I was very much pleased with myself and the world at large. On the outskirts of Richmond I stopped at a filling station for gas and the attendant checked my oil. Now, I was fully aware that I had neglected this item for weeks on end and so I was not surprised when he advised me that I was out of oil. Did I admit my criminal negligence in this respect? I did not. I simply said, "I expected as much; people borrow your car and drive it all over Hell's Half Acre but it never occurs to them to put in any oil or water."

I had never seen the man before. I will, in all probability, never see him again. I certainly had no reason to impress him. Yet when he looked at me and a faint knowing smile spread over his ugly puss, I knew he had spotted me for the alibiing, buck-passing phoney that I was. I beat a hasty retreat.

As I continued on my journey the thought kept going through my mind: "What makes me such an Alibi Artist?"

Why am I still a phoney?" and then I thought of the many times I had approached speakers at the conclusion of the meetings and told them that I had enjoyed their talks when truthfully I did not remember a single word they had said. I wondered if I was the only phoney in AA in this respect and I determined to put it to the test.

That night at the conclusion of the meeting a lot of people came to me and gave me the usual and very casual "Good talk" routine until finally a little lady said, "I enjoyed your talk so much. I got so much out of it."

"Thank you," I replied, "but exactly what about it impressed you?"

Never in my life have I ever witnessed such consternation and panic in anyone's eyes. She started to stammer and back away and her confusion continued even after I added, "It's all right, I don't remember what I said either but I know it did me good."

She was simply being dishonest in order to be kind and then there I decided to do something about it. Now when I attend a meeting I make a real effort to impress on my mind the names of the speakers, the groups to which they belong, and try to remember at least one phrase or punch-line in their talk. As soon as the meeting is over I record this information on the back of an envelope or anything handy and when I get home I write them on cards giving all the information including the date, and then file them according to groups. The next time I have an occasion to talk to his or her group I refer to these cards and I am careful to quote that person in my own talk, giving him credit of course for originating it. It makes you feel so good to see the pleasure it affords them to think you have remembered

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Homecoming

Open House and Speaker's Meeting

Sunday June 15, 2014 11:30 -4:30

Open Speaker's Meeting 1:30-3PM

DECADES OF RECOVERY

- 70's Marge N.
- 80's Dave L
- 90's Phil A.
- 2000 Sherman R.
- 2010 Joie S.

Come back and share your memories at the place where it all started!

At 11:30am there will be a Light Brunch followed by the open speaker meeting with opening by our own Bob Smoke singing "Bar without Booze." After the meeting a Chocolate Reception will follow!

For more information, contact mkealanoclub.org or Marge N. at 414-763-2843...or the Alano Club, 1521 N. Prospect, Milwaukee, 414-278-9102

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JAMBOREE 2014
 American Serb Hall, 5101 W Oklahoma Ave.
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 20, 2014
HOSPITALITY: 5:00 P.M., DINNER: 6:00 P.M.
SPEAKER: Rob S. Nashville TN. 7:00ish
Dance follows
 \$25.00 \$25.00
 Coffee, Soda and Water Available

Tickets by mail, \$25.00 each. Include a self addressed stamped envelope.
 Greater Milwaukee Central Office 44th Annual City Wide Jamboree
 7429 W. Greenfield Ave., West Allis, WI 53214, 414-771-9119

Pay by check or credit card, Visa/MasterCard/Discover, include all necessary information.

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MENU: Place a number in the boxes to indicate how many want meat or veggie.

Meat Option: Roast Pork Loin.

Vegetarian Option: Vegetable Lasagna.

Parking for 400 cars on site; Carpooling will be very helpful & appreciated.